Action against ICAI

*356. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken action against the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), in view of the Satyam scam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) Section 30C of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (the Act) empowers the Central Government to issue directions in the event of non-compliance by the Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) with regard to any provisions of the Act. The Central Government may give such general or special directions to the Council as it considers necessary and the Council shall, in the discharge of its functions under the Act, comply with such directions. There has not been any instance of non-compliance of Government directions by ICAI in the context of Satyam scam.

As far as action against the auditors for audit and accounting lapses in the context of Satyam scam is concerned, ICAI has powers as per Chartered Accountants (Procedure of Investigations of Professional and other Misconduct and Conduct of Cases) Rules, 2007.

Computerisation of official language (Legislative) Commission of Kerala

*357. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government had submitted a proposal for computerisation of Official Language (Legislative) Commission of Kerala during 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken thereon;

(c) if no action has been taken so far, whether any affirmative action would be taken now on the above proposal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Department has no such scheme to provide financial assistance for computerisation to State Governments. Government of Kerala was informed accordingly.

(c) to (e) Does not arise for the reasons mentioned in answer (b) above.